HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 28, 1864.—Read first and second times, and ordered to be printed.

[By Mr. HILTON, from the Committee on Military Affairs.]

A BILL

To be entitled An act amendatory of an act entitled "An act to put an end to the exemption from military service of those who have heretofore furnished substitutes," approved January 5, 1864.

SECTION 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact*, That the above recited act shall not apply to farmers and planters engaged in the year 1863 in the production of grain and provisions, either by their own manual labor or in superintending the labor of others: *Provided*, The exemption herein contemplated is granted subject to the following conditions:

I. That the person availing himself thereof shall devote himself, and the labor of which he has the control or superintendence, exclusively to the production of provisions.

II. That there shall be paid and contributed from the farm, or, if more than one farm, from each of the farms which the person thus exempted owns or superintends, in addition to the tithe required by any tax law, an additional tenth of the pork or bacon produced on said farm or farms, (beginning with the product of last year,) for the use of the army.

III. That the person thus exempted will, if so required, sell all his surplus provisions, now on hand or hereafter raised, for the use of soldiers' families, at prices not greater than those fixed for the time being by the commissioners appointed under the impressment act.

IV. That the person seeking to avail himself of the benefit of this act shall have furnished a substitute not liable to military duty, who is now in the service, or who has been legally discharged therefrom, or who has died therein.

V. That the benefit of this act shall not apply to persons on farms or plantations on which there is any other male adult not liable to military duty.

SEC. 2. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed as limiting the power of the President, under existing laws, to exempt such persons as he may deem proper, on grounds of equity, justice, or necessity.

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